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### Weather Forecast for Saturday. Washington, Nov. 12.-For Oklahoma and

Indian Territory: Fair; warmer; southerly winds For Missouri: Fair; warmer; southeast erly winds.

For Kansas: Fair; warmer; variable

## NO DISCRIMINATION.

winds.

It is gratifying to note the promptness with which the attempt of the rallroads to discriminate against Kansas City and in favor of St. Louis on Colorado business has been nullified. The proposed discriminations were so flagrantly unjust that it is hard to believe they were seriously contemplated

Kansas City is too important a shipping point to be mistreated by the railroads, and there is no good reason to believe the roads could desire a breach in the friendly relations which exist between them and our business interests. Yet it is preposterous to suppose our people could tamely submit to such rank injustice. One road, at least, promptly recognized the unfairness of the undertaking, and all the others will have to come to its terms.

What Kansas City business men want to do is to get it out of the head of railway officials that it is ever desirable or dvisable to discriminate against this city in any form or fashion.

CHARGES OF JURY FIXING. A few weeks ago Prosecutor Lowe made an open charge that the jury that tried John Schlegel for the murder of Dr. Berger ad been tampered with. Now comes Mar Warner, attorney for Banker Darragh, nd openly asserts that the jury that conricted his client had been "plugged."

These public charges, taken into considration with the numerous queer verdicts n trials for high crimes in this county, ould be fully investigated, whether anyning comes of the investigations or not. is not enough to make a general statent that bribery or other influence has en brought to bear upon our juries. These stements should be verified, or at least he grounds upon which they are based uld be made clear.

Justice in Jackson county may be a travsty, but the travesty should not go un-

A GOOD THING TO PUSH ALONG. Pittsburg, smoky Pittsburg, is a town of condrains religious and artistic aspirations. Of this there is positive proof in the movenent now on foot to erect a monument Tubal Cain, the first wo d brass. He lived before the days of emer pig and eighty-pound rails, but he gratitude of Pittsburg is unfading as amaranth. After the lapse of count-

lem of religious instruction will be happily solved in a republic that favors no sec tazian appropriation from public funds. Nobody, Catholic or Protestant, can object to Tubal Cain. He is common property.

ess years, Tubal Cain has come into his

Kansas City is not too proud to learn from her Eastern sister. We respectfully suggest a statue of Jacob for the entrance to the stock yards, and one of Balaam's ass for Democratic headquarters. These would be appropriate, suggestive, and would move on the better feelings of our natures until we should be face to face with the long past, like Mark Twain at the tomb of Adam.

### THE TROUBLE WITH CHANDLER. The strange case of William E. Chandler

can only be accounted for on the ground of natural perversity. There is no sensible reason why he should be a silver howler. Hampshire is overwhelmingly for sound money. There is not a silver state in all New England. If it could be supposed that Mr. Chandler is acting upon honest conviction regardless of personal consequences, there might be some excuse for him. But nobedy imagines that. He is not that sort of man. His record could be searched industriously without discovering evidence that would convict him on such a charge, The truth is that Mr. Chandler doesn't like the McKinley administration. He soured on McKinley for some reason before the latter's nomination, and has never become sweet. He is a chronic malcontent and disturber. The Republican party would be better off without him.

# HAVE ACCOMPLISHED GOOD.

While Spain apparently has no intention of abating her effort to suppress the Cuban rebellion by force of arms, the substitution of Blanco for Weyler is already shown to be a distinct gain for the cause of humanity. Instead of ruthlessly butchering suspects and non-combatants, as Weyler was ir the habit of doing, the new captain general is extending elemency where circumstances justify and listens with a gracious car to the appeals of mothers and other relatives for mercy to their loved ones. The agonized mother who appealed to Weyler did not hear her prayer granted but she was treated to the spectacle of seeing her son slaughtered before her eyes. and in many cases was allowed the privilege of being murdered with the same weapon while the blood on it was yet

True, Blanco is doubtless obeying in structions; the recall of Weyler was clearly for the purpose of inaugurating a more humane policy toward the insurgents. And this change of policy was ordered more to allay popular feeling in the United States than for any other reason. But the fact exists, and it is good grounds for rejoicing among the friends of the struggling Cubans. American sympathizers have not been able to render any important help in a direct way, but their vigorous protests from time to time have had the effect of compelling a decided change for the bet-

American press has also had a potent influence. .15

### HANNA AND GORMAN.

It is more than a mere coincidence that the same period of time has witnessed the rise of Mark Hanna and the fall of Arthur Pue Gorman: it is indicative of a change in the personnel of American political leadership.

Mr. Gorman is a "boss," pure and simple a man whose sole kingdom is polities. He has fed from the party manger since he began his career as a page in the United States senate. He has no business or profession, simply a "janyus for politics," which he has used with marvelous ability and small scruples, and transformed into power and cash.

Mark Hanna is a typical American business man; a captain of industry, and a developer of the natural resources of his country. He made his money, not, like Gorman, by saving \$59,000 a year out of a \$5,000 salary, but by building ships and mining coal and iron. His trainers have been, not wirepullers and gang leaders, but the brightest set of business men that the age has produced.

Mr. Hanna's political career is not for revenue, for he has neither taste nor need to practice the wonderful parsimony of Gorman's financiering. He is in politics for the good of the country and the pleasure of power.

If the successful American business man is to enter the field of politics, the old machine boss must go. The former has been educated in a better school. He is closer to the realities of the present day. His ideals are larger. He is further removed from the suspicion of ulterior purposes. In short, he is much nearer the typical American, and every nation seeks as leader the man who most nearly incarnates its ideals

### KOMICAL KURTZ.

The most comical of all the Ohio politicians at this time is Mr. Charles L. Kurtz, the anti-Hanna Republican, who has undertaken to startle the country with a sensational announcement that Senutor Hanna will not even be a leading candidate for the office he now holds when the legislature meets and proceeds to elect a man for that place.

Mr. Kurtz is absurd enough to assert that Hanna will be defeated without the aid of the Democratic wing of the legislature. showing by these rash statements that his prejudices have totally blinded him as to what kind of man he has been fighting.

But the most remarkable statement of Mr. Kurtz is to the effect that President McKinley has grown tired of Hanna and that the administration wants another man in his place. If this were true the president would certainly not desire the fact to be published, and for Mr. Kurtz to speak for the president without authority is to write himself down an impertinent ass. If it is not true, the use of the chief executive's name in such a manner becomes a more serious, but scarcely less amusing, plece of impertinence.

The total lack of plausibility in Mr. Kurtz' story, at least insofar as it relates to the present and the future of the senatorial contest, simply advertises the luxurlant length of the Kurtz ears.

Mr. Hanna may possibly not be returned to the senate, but his defeat will not be accomplished in the manner outlined by Kurtz. Meanwhile, he may take considerable satisfaction in seeing a hardworking enemy make a chump of himsen.

# A POINT TO REMEMBER.

predicting that free silver will issue again in 1900 the Bryan followers overlook the important fact that a large majority of those who supported free coinage last year did so in the belief that there was no other way to bring prosperity. They cared nothing for silver-they wanted good times. Now that good times have come without free silver, their interest in cheap money theories has vanished. It will not be an easy task to rekindle it. The longer presperity continues, the deader the free silver fallacy will be.

ANOTHER RESPITE FOR DURRANT. Such are the resources of technical law in this country that the condemned murderer is never at the end of his rope until he

dangles. Theodore Durrant, condemned to death for the murder of Blanche Lamont, which sentence has not been modified in spite of appeals to the supreme court of California, the governor of California, the United States district court and the United States supreme court, has been given another respite by the highest court of the state and

at almost the hour set for his execution In justice to society, a law that permits repeated delays in such an aggravated case as that of Durrant on a "writ of probable cause" should likewise provide for the hastening of an execution on a "writ of

necessary effect."

Such delays in the execution of the laws breed contempt for the laws themselves and their "majesty" becomes a jest and a

It is to be expected that those who are fighting for life will employ every possible means to prolong or save it; but there should be some means to expedite the processes of trial, to impress the significance of conviction and to hasten the maneuvers of appeal.

In other words, when murder has been proven and sentence has been passed, the shortest possible time should be allowed to exhaust the resources of legal interference or executive clemency.

The murders committed by Durrant were of the most belnous character. They were committed more than two years ago, and almost two years ago the sentence of death was passed upon the murderer in one of the cases. The other case-that of Minnie Williams-did not come to trial. To prolong a life inevitably doomed is not a mercy; to save a life through mere sentiment or by a mere technicality is to compromise the authority of the law, the dignity of justice and the interests of society.

One of the best arguments against capital ounishment is the technical and sentimental obstacles in the way of its infliction. Life sentences are not so bitterly contested, and therefore subject the law to less questionable construction and the state to vasty less expense.

Governor Leedy puts up a very good Thanksgiving proclamation for an executive who has just been vigorously repudiated at the polls.

Governor Pingree is not at all backward bout recognizing true worth, even when e finds it under his own hat. He frankly acknowledges that his administration as mayor of Detroit was the best the world

Mr. Bryan is quoted as saving that Tom Johnson is the finest American specimen of

ter in Spanish policy. The tone of the self-made man he ever saw. Mr. Bryan evidently judges self-made men with the same set of faculties that does his financial thinking.

It seems to be almost as difficult to hang murderer in California as to convict one in Kansas City.

The State of Nebraska is lost . This oesn't refer to the late elections. The British steamship of that name has been missing since October.

Nicaragua has been trying government wherehip of railroads and doesn't like it She has placed her roads on the market and will sell at a sacrifice.

### KANSAS TOPICS.

Ed C. Little is general attorney for the yramids-not the pyramids of Egypt, but fraternal insurance order. By virtue of his new position Ed is required to make as such noise about the pyramids as the degs spoken of in the inaugural message which he wrote for Governor Leedy.

An Argentine belle insists on designating her best fellow as a traveling man because he sells peanuts on the train between Kanhe sells peaning on sas City and Newton.

Wellsville Globe: The Second Congrega tional church at Lawrence is being rebuilt This structure was burned during Quant-rell's raid, and when it was rebuilt a quantity of the brick damaged in the fire were sed in its construction. This damaged ma terial has necessitated the repairs which are now in progress. The church society which owns the building is the oldest Freemen church organization in the United

Mail: A "lady bootlegger" is operating in the town of Conway Springs, and as a consequence the people are excited about t. In spite of everything that can be done to prevent it, the women of Kansas are bound to usurp the prerogatives of the men.

Smith County Pioneer: Thirty-six of the children, grandchildren and friends of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. J. Dierdorff met at their home last Thursday and celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. All their children now living, five in number, were present, and twenty-eight grandchildren.

Wichita Beacon: A man in Galena swallowed a \$5 gold piece. When a friend asked which physician should be called, he replied, "Oh, never mind a physician, Send for my wife, she will answer the purpose." When asked for an explanation, he said: "If she doesn't succeed, it will be the first time she ever failed to get money out of me."

This is what a Galena editor calls a funny sight: We witnessed a funny sight Satur-day night. A man with a jug-not a jagstepped up to untie his horse, and sat the jug down on the walk. The horse, impatient to start, began pawing. One of the paws lit on top of the jug and smashed it to smithereens. The gentleman eved the wreck a moment and, turning to the horse said: "I'll sell you to the Law and Order League as soon as I get home."

The editor of the Muscotah Record has a subscriber, Daniel Nash, who becomes offended if he isn't dunned when his subscription is due. This leads the Horton Headlight to remark: "We wish the Lord would influence the Headlight delinquents n that direction."

Another formerly of Kansas man has struck it rich. O. T. Capps, formerly of Wellington has come in for a share of an Wellington, has come in for a share of an estate of from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000, left by a brother named Thomas Capps, who died in London, Eng., September 19. The deceased Capps was formerly a wholesale cloth dealer, being retired and living at a country seat at the time of his death. He vas 90 years old. There will be six or seven heirs to the estate. The surviving Capps prothers live in Illinois and California. O. T. Capps left Wellington about six years ago, going to Chicago. His inheritance wil exceed \$285,000.

Tom McNeal in the Mail and Breeze: A Kansas man, who has read all the Populist platforms and promises as to what they into power, voted the Populist ticket and waited for results. And when the adminis tration and legislature got together th man heard a great roaring and remarked to himself: "They are evidently prying up one corner of the universe. I will go up and see what the legislature has done And when the man was shown by the Populist midwife what the legislature had brought forth, he looked at it for a minate and then remarked, with deep feeling: Well, I'll be gol durned."

Moral-People will learn after awhile that the political outfit which promises too

much won't do to tie to. Before the recent election: "The allied crees will win a glorious victory this fall. All three parties are solidly cemented toon local issues as well as national. We will elect 500 county officers, twelve judges and all of the senators and representatives."-Taylor Riddie, chairman Pop state com-

After the election: "I can't see how th result of the election presages Republican victory next year. Of course, they carried off about all the offices and their majority the state was probably over 15,000, bu the conditions were favorable to them; our forces were badly disorganized."-Taylor Riddle, chairman of the Pop state com-

Mound Valley Herald: "The Mound Valey girl who expressed so much sympathy for the farmer because of his cold job in harvesting his winter wheat is equal in scricultural knowledge to the one that expressed a desire to see a field of tobac when it was just plugging out. But the Parsons girl who asked "which cow gave buttermlik" is entitled to the whole bakery. And the Coffeyville girl, who, while visiting near here, was asked if she ever saw any-body milk a cow, replied: "O, yes, indeed I have. It just tickles me to death to see uncle ferk two of the cow's faucets at the same time." She descrives an interest in the Parsons gas well."

These stories deserve a place alongside the one told on Martin Mohler, to the effect that, while he was secretary of the Kansas board of agriculture, when interrogated at to what kind of broom corn that the striped-handled brand sold the best at the stores.

# MISSOURI POINTS.

Somebody claims to have made the discovery that A. C. Courtney, of Liberty, is entitled to claim the honor of being the only living son of a soldier of the Revolutionary war.

The Union Star Comet, with pardonable

pride, boasts of having never failed to be isible once a week on its regular orbit during tifteen years. As the tale of a Comet this is well worthy of notice. Redmon Whitten, of Gentry county, now 7 years old, is a hardy old Missouri pi-

oneer who came to the state fifty-six years

ago-a period antedating the laying of the first mile of railroad track in the state. "Keep your eye on the peddler, or the stranger who has found a pair of gold-rimmed spectacles which he will sell you very cheap," is the timely and excellent advice now going the rounds of the rural

In dismantling the old market house at Sedalia and uncovering the cornerstone placed there in 1874, the most interesting relic disclosed was a disappointment. It was a small bottle of promising shape, but empty.

Henry county kickers who complain tha a dollar doesn't "go so far" as it used to have evidently overlooked the quotations in the Urich Herald which show that a shel of hickory nuts costs 20 per cent

less than it did last year. Gus Lohman, of Clinton county, is pre-

pared to testify as to whether or not farming in Missouri pays. He has just cleaned up \$55 an acre this season from his potato patch-a trifle more than five times as much as the ground cost him a few years

ago. Appleton City gauges the progress of prosperity on its return trip by the increase in the area of stone sidewalk, and now proudly proclaims that it can show more of that kind of evidence of metropolitan advancement than any town of its size in Southwest Missouri.

The marriage of Miss Helen Smith to Lieutenant Hamilton S, Hawkins, which occurred at St. James' church, in Macon Wednesday night, was one the most brilllant affairs in the town's social history. Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins left for the West after the ceremony, in a special car.

The Breckenridge man who achieved dis tinction last year through the ownership of a 5,000 foot watermelon vine, from which he gathered 215 melons ranging in weight from sixty-five pounds down, has again come to the front, this time with a castor bean tree nine feet in height from which three bushels of beans have been picked.

Champ Clark doesn't confine his attention exclusively to the church aid societies when on a phllanthropic lecturing tour over the state. Lieutenant Colonel Omar D. Gray, of the Sturgeon Leader, reports having received the cash for a five years subscription from the Pike county statesman during his Sturgeon visit the other day. In view of the particularly light punish-

Maryville Tribune thinks that if murderers in other counties don't ask for a chang of venue to Nodaway county it will indi cate that the unfalling kindness there shown to those who spill the lifeblood of their fellow men isn't altogether appre-The Children's Home Society, of Missouri, the twelfth annual meeting of which has just been held in St. Louis, merits the

highest commendation for the noble work

which it has accomplished. It has pro-vided homes for more than 9,000 children,

nent given Assassins Rasco and Ulmer, the

waifs which come into its charge, to the number of about eight a day. An investigation of the matter by one of the local papers reveals the fact that Maryville's appetite for magazine literature runs largely to that of the more of less trashy order. Among the 300 month-lies sold there by the newsdealers there are but four copies of the Century, two of the Review of Reviews, and one each of the North American Review, Forum and At

lantic Monthly. Miss Laura DeJarnette, a plucky little Dade county schoolma'am, is being con-gratulated as the heroine of two victories recently, having come out best in a phys cal encounter with an 18-year-old lubber who had undertaken to show that he 'didn't have to mind the teacher," and aft erward in an action in court brough against her for having found it necessary to whip the overgrown chump.

Speaking of Judge Philips' order to the members of the St. Clair county court to appear before him November 18, the Osce Republican suggests that "if Judge Philips concludes to lock the judges up will afford a golden opportunity for Pro bate Judge Love to test the new law au thorizing probate judges to transact business of the county in case of the ina bility of the county court from any cause

Richmond Conservator: Congressman Alex M. Dockery, of Gallatin, was in town Tuesday, mixing and mingling with the people of Richmond. That he will be in he race for governor in 1900 there is not a shadow of doubt, if he continues in good health. He didn't tell us so in so many words, but gave us that significant wink of the right eye, which means, in plain En glish, when interpreted, "If the lay of the and is all right."

George W. Trigg, who has a habit of giving vigorous expression to his honest opinions regardless of the effect it may have upon his candidacy for railroad comor any other nterest, tosses this little bomb into th ranks of the fusionists in the current is sue of his paper: "There is a big sentiment among the Democrats of Missouri against fusion in the future, and it ought to grov until it takes possession of every true Democrat in Missouri. If sideshows think Democratic principles good enough to fuse with them, then they should fall into the Demperatic columns."

The following circular letter has been ssued by the Missouri fish commission 'All persons in Missouri desiring young black bass and crappie for public waters or private ponds should apply at their earliest convenience to Phil Koppin, Jr., uperintendent of Forest park hatcheries. St. Louis, or H. G. Carson, superintendent, St. Joseph, Mo., the one most accessible to the applicant. The expense to applicant will be cost of can and delivery of fish (\$1) which must be sent in advance. No fish cans sent out C. O. D. Express charges on fish to be C. O. D. A five gallon can

will carry fifty small fish. Chicago Tribune: Everybody sincerely sympathizes with Miss Lowry, of Michgan, who has gone to Missouri to organize he Missouri giris into anti-tobacco lengues, whose members will pledge themselves no to marry any man that defiles himself with the noxious weed. But unfortunately the outlook for the success of her efforts is not bright. The girls of Missouri are charming and desirable, like the girls of all other states, but if they force the Missouri men to choose between them and the Missour meerschaum, the stogie, and the quid, they are morally certain to be shocked grievou ly. If Miss Lowry wants to learn the masculine view of this subject let her read Rudyard Kipling's poem, the last line of which is: "A woman is only a woman, but

## a good cigar is a smoke." A New Departure Decision.

From the Washington Post. Judge Brubaker, of Lancaster, Pa., who is said to be an excellent jurist, has just rendered a decision that will attract general attention. It was in the case of a will in which the testator sought to prevent litigation by declaring that any beneficiary who should contest should be disinherited. Such wills have frequently been probated in all parts of the country. One of the largest estates ever left by a decedent in this city was distributed under such a will We do not know that any contest of such a will has ever been made, and the happy device of threatening disinheritance has seemed to be a good thing for everybody cutside of the legal profession. In the case decided by Judge Brubaker the will in dipute charged one of the heirs with a note to the estate which he asserted had been paid during the lifetime of the testator; but, under the terms of the will, he was estopped from the contest. Thus situated, he laid the matter before the court and Judge Brubaker has rendered a decision to the effect that a will threatening disinheritance is not valid.

If this decision is sound it applies as well in other states as in Pennsylvania, for it is not based on statutory laws, but on general principles. And why should it not stand? Ought it to be possible for a threat to insure the unresisted probation of a will made chiefly in the interest of one of the heirs and unjustly discriminating igninst others? The Philadelphia Bulletin pertinently inquires, "If threats may be incorporated in a testament, what assurance can there be that victous influences may not have dictated them-that is, interests outside of the parties involved?"

# A Tribute to Kansos City

From the Des Moines Register. road, another large packing house and the addition of a glue plant last week. Those were only the important gains of the weel in that city. What did Des Molnes gain last week? Why should Kansas City be I to give point to the proverb that "republies

making such great gains in population, industries and business while Des Moines is standing still? The Register is not going o answer those questions, but it want citizens of Des Moines to consider them and answer for themselves. Kansas City has gained more population during the past years, notwithstanding the hard times, than the total population of Des Molnes. There must be some reason for Kansas City's gain, and there is-the citizens of that city are working unitedly and ener getically for Kansas City. The same unity and energetic endeayor will speedily give Des Moines new growth.

## Republican Kansas.

From the Philadelphia Press. The fact that Kansas went Republican by a good sized majority last week is probthe reason why the election returns from that state do not figure in the "re buke" the Democratic newspapers are try ing to see in the voting. All the returns are not in yet but enough is known to inover the combined noll of the Democrats. Populists and silver Republicans, and to show that the state has repudiated Bryan-

cating events of the past twelve months. suffered more perhaps than any Kansas other Western state from the blighting effect of a too free indulgence in the farm wortgage. The boom days were the days of borrowing, and everything went well so long as money could be had for the from the nearest loan agency in return for a mortgage on land. But when pay day came, and it happened to be coincident with drouths and short crops and Demo-cratic free trade, a different story was teld. The disaster and discouragement caused by this situation made the people of Kansas an easy prey to the demagogue who preached free silver to them as a panfor all the ills from which they

fered, and tried to prove their position by comparing the prices of wheat and silver. An end came to this condition of things however, when a bountiful harvest and a large demand for crops sent the price of farm products rapidly upward at the same time that silver continued to decline. This ended at once the parallelism between the lemonetization of silver and the low price and continues to find places for the little for wheat, and proved to the farmers that when they accepted that argument and voted for Bryan they had been misled and deceived. Stories have been coming from Kansas during the past three months telling of abundant crops and large returns to the farmers. The deposits in the bank have grown enormously, and mortgages have been canceled to an extent never The last comparative state fore equaled. ment of the bank commissioner, issued a few days ago, showed that the banks o Kansas had deposits of \$21,966,163, as com pared with \$15,220,167 held in 1896, and that the borrowed money they were handling had sunk to \$298,723, as compared with

These conditions have had their effect and ast week, on a light vote, and with no state canvass to arouse them to an interest n the campaign, Bryan and his principles were repudiated and Republicanism in dorsed. Taken all in all, the result in Kan sas was the most significant of any election held west of the Allegheny mountains

#### Boycotting Santa Claus From the Chicago Record.

Is it possible that when our plump friend Santa Claus starts out with his reindeers on the night of the 24th of next month he will find all the chimneys barricaded and all the windows locked with safety burg lar appliances? If some eminent students of clerical matters in New York have their way that is what will happen. They de clare that Santa Claus is a pagan myth and therefore an imposter. They look upon him and his flowing whiskers, furry cap and his bundle of toys as illusions iniquitously designed to delude and deceive. They propose that on and after next Christmas he shall be barred out, and if anyone sees him-or thinks he sees him -he shall lock the door and stuff the chimney with shavings and smoke him out It may be true that the ancestor of the present respectable Santa Claus was a pa gan myth, but this one comes from Hol land, and is one of the most eminen Dutchmen in the world during the entire month of December. If he is a myth he has been eminently respectable in his past out" on his toy supply or robbing the ornaments on the mantelpleces. So far as known, he has never committed arson or day school festivities with the greatest

Still, if he is the character the New York gentlemen make him out to be, let the bitter truth be known at once. If the dis losures of his turpitude are forthcoming let the reindeer sledge be confiscated and the toys be broken up. It may be that when he returns next Christmas eve in all his apple-cheeked health, with the icicles on his towy heard and his eyes shin ing with deceptive cheeriness, it will be necessary to bundle him off into his sled and call the police.

# The Truth About Armenia

From the Springfield Republican. We are to get the truth about Armenia -perhaps. The New York Herald an ounces that its clerical editor, Rev. Mr. George H. Hepworth, has gone to Turke is its representative, by direct invitation of the sultan, "to collect and publish "the ruth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth' in regard to the reputed massa eres of Christian Armenians," Mr. Hepworth sailed from Constantinople for Tre bizond Saturday. The Herald publishes letter from him dated at Constantinople or the 1st inst. The substance of his letter

as stated by the Herald, is this: as stated by the Herald, is this:

He says he had just concluded a lon interview with the sultan, who desired th fullest investigation. He would furnish company of a dozen cavalry and thre Turkish representatives to excert and protect the Herald's embassadors, and promises that they should not be hampered o embarrassed in the least. The cavalr guard and representatives should not i any way interfere with the investigations which the suitan desired should be then ough and the record to be truthful in ever ough, and the report to be truthful in every espect.

It must be said that there is small en couragement to expect absolute truth from "personally conducted" examination under the auspices of a despot. No such result was ever known to follow. The story of the Armenian massacres has been told already by the American missionaries,men and women well known in their own coun try and entirely trusted. One honest American reporter, relying upon his own re sources for safety, and devoting himself to tell the story as he finds it, would command more confidence than a protege of the sultan. But we shall see what Dr. Hepworth has to say when he turns home-ward somewhere about January 1. The ime is short enough, considering the coun try to be traversed, the people he must talk with and the conditions under which he

#### Passing Greatness. From the Atlanta Constitution.

The death of General Thomas M. Cling-man furnishes an illustration of the fleeting

character of public life. Fifty years ago General Clingman wa not only one of the most noted men of North Carolina, but of the United States, Possessing all the qualifications which comnanded public support, he was a leader who was devotedly followed and as ardently opposed. He drank in all the allurements which enter into senatorial life in the fel-eral capital, and he was toasted and dined s one of the leaders of his time. Passing from the political stage into the military arena during the war, he saw the caus which he had espoused go down in defeat. Peace brought with it new men and new neasures, and the old leader found him elf retired. For thirty-five years he has looked upon the moving panorama of events as though he had never been one getten except in his home, he realized how vanescent is popular applause, and when at last death came to him it found him an inmate of a public institution.

Is it such instances as these which serve

are ungrateful"? But, perhaps, the true lesson would be on a contrary line. A re-public contemplates no lifelong service, but calls upon such of its citizens as it needs from time to time to do public service temperarily. It does not lie within the genius of republican institutions for a purely official class to exist. It is a laudable ambition for a citizen to aspire to a term of two in congress, or to serve his country in some other capacity for a while, but no man should undertake politics as the business of a lifetime. If he does he will only live to find himself stranded, while the procession passes by, and he will then be joining in the complaint that his services have

not been recognized. The career of General Clingman, however, was long and illustrious, and history will probably be kinder to him than were some I those who knew him in life.

From the Philadelphia Press. Pension Commissioner Evans' recom-mendation that no pension be granted to the widow of any soldier of the last war who marries hereafter is a wise one and should be carried into effect by congress. The soldiers of the late war are now all well along in life. There is no reason why a woman who marries one of them now

should have a pension, when the veteran dies, for the remainder of her life. What the existing law will bring the country to can be seen from the fact that there are seven widows and nine daughters of Revolutionary soldiers now drawing pensions. That war closed 115 years ago. living widow of one of the Revolutionary soldiers must have married the veteran very late in his life, and the daughters now living must have been born so long after the Revolutionary war closed as to know no more about it than do the daughters now leaving school. There is an induce-ment offered by the government for young women to marry these old men by providing a pension to the widows of such vet-

If this law is retained on the statute books 115 years from the close of the war the country will probably be paying millions in pensions to widows of veterans of the late war, although the veterans them selves may all have been dead for more than half a century. Considering the vast ly greater number of soldlers engaged in the late war, as compared with those in the Revolutionary war, this tax for pensions to widows not even born when the war closed is certain to be a large one.

The pension list is still growing. The people believe in caring generously for the veterans, but they look with doubt on a pension roll that continues to grow rapidly thirty-two years after the war closed.

### No Signs No Sign.

From the Springfield (Mass.) Republican. Somebody writes to the New York Evening Post from New Hampshire that he had lriven clear across the state without seeing a beer sign or barrel or other notice liquor being for sale, and he concludes that prohibition is a hard and fast fact in that region. But a New Hampshire citizen responds that under the state law the exposure of a sign or other advertise ment of liquor for sale constitutes prim facie evidence of the commission of the offense of liquor selling, and he pertinent ly asks whether it was to be expected that iquor sellers would thus provide openly the means of their own conviction. stated that liquor is sold in more than fifty places in Concord, and yet, to all appearances, the city is as dry as dust. The case is interesting as showing how anybody who keeps his eyes shut tight may be able to see that prohibition prohibits If the Post's correspondent had ever at-tended a state political convention in Concord he would know more about his sublect. The nights before are decidedly more lively than in Massachusetts.

# Seats and Sitters in Churches.

From the Boston Globe. The statement has recently been made that every qualified churchgoer in the United States should take a notion to attenchurch on the same day and hour only

bout one-fourth could find seats. But there is no foundation for this as sertion in the figures of the eleventh census of the United States. Here the number of church sittings is stated to make a and total of 46,000,000 at any hour of public worship, on the basis of a populaion of 65,000,000. Moreover, there must be a great multitude of people who on acunt of various disabilities could not atand church if they wished to.

Everybody in the United States able to sit in a church understandingly could therefore, be accommodated at any one hour in the year and still leave about one third of all the pews empty.

Unfortunately the trouble in a good any churches is not for want of sittings,

### but for want of sitters to occupy them. The Shoe on the Other Foot.

From the Atchison Globe.

The Philadelphia papers joined the New York papers last fall in laughing at Kansas because it elected the Populist ticket. A few days ago the Philadelphia city coun cil gave away gas works valued at several million dollars as the result of a job. There does not seem to be any doubt that the councilmen were bought up like sheep. Citchamber when the final vote was taken and owled and hissed, but the guilty members of the council paid no attention to them Kansas has never been guilty of anything like this.

# Reflections of a Bachelor

From the New York Press. Some woman had probably told Geliath that she was going to stay around just to see him do up David.

If a man seems to notice pretty girls that pass, his wife acts suspicious, and if he doesn't, she acts more so. Show a woman's political club a bunch of bare toes kicking up out of a baby car-riage and you can break up the meeting. Way down in her heart every woman thinks her husband loves her, but they all get lots of pleasure out of imagining they

how to make the janitor turn on the steam heat.

From the Chicago Tribune.

Proprietor-"How much dld you tell the man the job of gasfitting would probably come to?" Workman-"I told him it wouldn't be

over \$10 or \$11." Proprietor-"Very well, str. The bill will be made out for \$10, and I shall charge the other dollar to you. Hereafter never make the mistake of giving a customer two fig-

#### A Case in Point. From the Washington Star. "Sometimes a matter of little or no real consequence will cause an immense amount

of trouble," said the moralist,

From the Atlanta Constitution.

"'Deed, dat's de troof," remarked Eras-tus Pinkley, who overheard him. "Ef dese folks 'ud be saterfy ter gib up de money wifout makin' us write policy slips, we wouldn't hab near de trouble wif de po-

bad record?" "What have you got against him?" "Sent seed to 600 men, and only six of

"So you think our congressman made

From the Atlanta Constitution. "Will this be a long session?" voter from the country.

"Can't say," replied the representative.

"Did you ever feel like leavin a table when a baked 'possum was on it?'

Amused Them. "How did your French go in Paris, Mrs Parvenu?

"Beautiful! They were really

# THE DEATH OF THE FLOWERS.

The melancholy days are come, the sad dest of the year, Of wailing winds, and naked woods, and meadows brown and sere. autumn leaves lie lead:

They rustle to the eddying gust, and to the rabbit's tread. The robin and the wren are flown, and from the shrubs the jay. And from the wood-top calls the crow through all the gloomy day.

Where are the flowers, the fair young flowers, that lately sprang and stood In brighter light and softer airs, a beau-

teous sisterhood? Alas! they all are in their graves; the gen-Are lying in their lowly beds with the fair

and good of ours. The rain is falling where they lie; but the cold November rain Calls not from out the gloomy earth the llovely ones again.

And now, when comes the calm, mild day, as still such days will come. To call the squirrel and the bee from out

their winter home: When the sound of dropping nuts is heard, though all the trees are still, And twinkle in the smoky light the waters of the rill. The south wind searches for the flowers

whose fragrance late he bore,

And sighs to find them in the wood and by the stream no more. And then I think of one who in her youthful beauty died.

The fair meek blossom that grew up and faded by my side In the cold, moist earth we laid her when

the forest cast the leaf.

And we wept that one so lovely should have a life so brief: Yet not unmeet it was that one, like that young friend of ours. gentle and so beautiful, should perish

with the flowers.

### THE LAZY READER.

-William Cullen Bryant.

He turns the pages in a languid quest, And finds no message worthy to endure-Then, all his weakness unconfessed, He says he thinks the meaning is obscure, -Florence L. Snow.

# A LULLABY.

When the West is all aglow, And the winds of evening sigh. Hear the mother singing low

To her child a lullaby. Singing, "Sleep, my blue-eyed one; Toil is over, day is done," Singing sweetly, "Rest, oh, rest, Day is done, and in the West, To his slumber, sinks the sur

Rest, oh, rest, my blue-eyed one, "Sleep, oh, sleep, my baby dear, Light is fading, night is here. Soon the white-faced moon will shirn Over yonder lonely pine. One by one the stars appear-Sleep, oh, sleep, my baby dear."

## OF CURRENT INTEREST.

-D. A. Morehead

The subject of a recent experiment was W. Smith, 22 years old, weighing 153 pounds, a physicist, and assistant of Prolessor Atwater. He was confined for weive days in an air-tight cabinet, the interior dimensions of which were seven feet long by four feet wide. All communication with the outside world was by telephone. A cot bed which was folded away by day, a chair, and table constituted the furniture of the room. Experimenters watched their subject through a glass door. Food was passed in through a brass tube in the wall. The air admitted to the chamber was first deprived of its moisture. After leaving the hamber where it had been breathed the patient it was thoroughly analyzed. In this manner it was learned what gases and other matter were given off by the subject's body during the time, either by the breath or perspiration. All food was carefully weighed and analyzed before being passed into the chamber. All waste matter not eaten was weighed and analyzed again. It was found just how much nitrogen, carbon, to know what proportion nourished the br. m. The first three days of confinement were merely preliminary. The second three were devoted to severe mental labor, the next three to rest, and the last three to exhausting muscular exercise, eight hours per day. The indications are that brain workers want a different kind of food from those who perform muscular labor, and less of it. About the same amount was required during brain work and rest. The outcome of the experiment is likely to prove

A good American hotel clerk is expected to know everything. He must be able to read the innermost thoughts of every guest that comes to his house. He must be ready to answer every question that is asked, whether concerning trains, pedestrianism. politics, law, science, geography, astronomy or theology. Houston, Tex., is said to have one of the brightest hotel clerks in the world. He is always affable, ready with every kind of information, and never has to be asked twice for anything. Two "drummers" were sitting in the lobby of this hotel a few weeks ago, and one of them was telling the other about the clerk's readiness. "I'll bet you the drinks," he said, "that if you open that newspaper you have in your hand, select the first phrase that meets your eye, and then walk over to the clerk and say it over to him, he will respond in some way without a mo-ment's hesitation." The "drummer" opened the paper, by chance at a political article, and the first words he saw were. "The greatest good to the greatest number." He walked over to the clerk's desk, leaned his elbow upon it and said seriously: "The greatest good to the greatest number." The clerk smiled pleasantly and touched a bell. and said to the bellboy: "Take a bottle of whisky up to room 200."

"Our minister preached a sublime sermon on Sunday," remarked a Chicago woman, according to the Post, of that city. "I did enjoy it so much. And right in the mid-dle of it I hit on how to have my black serge fixed over. The whole scheme came like a miracle, and will work out no end of swell. That frock has been such a torment-I have had no good of it at all. It hung in the wardrobe, a reproach and a waste of material. Sermons are so beneficial. You really ought to go to church oftener. I am ashamed that you missed that one last Sunday."

The oldest postal clerk in active service is Charles Brigham, of Beston, who cele-brated his 84th birthday last week. When Mr. Brigham was appointed the Boston office was in a corner of the old state house. At that time-fifty-eight years ago Notice At that time—nity-eight years ago
—Nathaniel Greene was postmaster, and
one man was able to handle the greater
part of the mail matter passing through
the office. Mr. Brigham has been absent
from his desk less than a month during all the years that his name has been on the government's pay roll.

One of Frank Stanton's colored evangelists was taking up a subscription for a church bell. "Why," said a citizen to whom he applied, "doesn't your congregation know just when to go to church without the aid of a noisy beli?" "Oh, yes, suh, dey knows well enough; but some er dem is so fond er sleep dey wouldn't rise en go ter judgment ef Gabriel didn't blow his horn des like he said he would!"

Here's more encouragement. One of the oldest German manufacturing firms, established since 1789, have purchased, through their local agent, a plot of ground in the borough of Brooklyn, upon which they propose to eerct a large plant for the manufacture of silk, woolen and cotton fancy knit goods. Thanks to Mr. Dingley, they have concluded that they could manufac-ture for the American market cheaper here than they can in Germany with custo duties added.